



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Michael T. Andreas

**Serial No.:** 10/665,238

**Filed:** September 17, 2003

**For:** METHOD FOR THE POST-ETCH  
CLEANING OF MULTI-LEVEL  
DAMASCENE STRUCTURES HAVING  
UNDERLYING COPPER  
METALLIZATION

**Confirmation No.:** 6261

**Examiner:** M. Lebentritt

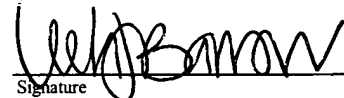
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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed September 1, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on December 1, 2004.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** appear on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.